

1. A digital still camera having an image sensing device for sensing the image of a subject and outputting image data representing the image of the subject, and an image recording controller for recording image data, which has been output from the image sensing device, on a recording medium, comprising:

10           a voice recording controller for recording voice  
data, which has been output from said voice input unit,  
on the recording medium;

a character recording controller for recording character data, which has been generated by said character data generating unit, on the recording medium.

20 input unit inputs voice during the sensing of the image  
of a subject by the image sensing device, and said  
camera further comprises:

recording controller, the voice recording controller and  
25 the character recording controller in such a manner that  
at least two of the image data, voice data and character  
data will be recorded on the recording medium in a form  
linked to each other.

a first reading unit for reading image data and character data that has been recorded on the recording medium;

a first display unit for displaying the image with  
10 which the characters have been combined by said first  
combining unit.

a determination unit for determining whether the digital still camera has a voice output unit when playback is performed;

a third control unit, responsive to a determination by said determination unit to the effect that the camera does not have a voice output unit, for controlling a display unit so as to display the characters represented by the character data.

a second reading unit for reading character data

a second display unit for displaying characters represented by character data that has been read by said second reading unit; and

5            an erasure control unit responsive to an erase  
command for erasing voice data, which corresponds to  
characters being displayed on said second display unit,  
from the recording medium.

6. The camera according to claim 1, wherein said image  
10 recording controller records image data, which has been  
output by said image sensing device, in response to  
input of predetermined voice to said voice input unit.

7. The camera according to claim 1, further comprising:  
a second combining unit for combining characters,  
15 which are represented by character data that has been  
generated by said character data generating unit, with  
an image output from said image sensing device; and

a fourth control unit for controlling said image recording controller and said character recording controller in such a manner that image data representing an image with which characters have been combined by said second combining unit will be recorded on the recording medium.

8. The camera according to claim 7, further comprising:  
25 a third reading unit for reading image data, which  
represents an image with which characters have been  
combined, from the recording medium; and

a second display unit for displaying an image

represented by image data that has been read by said third reading unit.

9. A method of controlling operation of a digital still camera having an image sensing device for sensing the

5 image of a subject and outputting image data  
representing the image of the subject, and an image  
recording controller for recording image data, which has  
been output from the image sensing device, on a  
recording medium, comprising the steps of:

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10      inputting voice and obtaining voice data
      representing voice;

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recording the obtained voice data on the recording medium;

generating character data representing voice  
15 represented by the obtained voice data; and  
recording the generated character data on the  
recording medium.